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**REQUEST FOR CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTION
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Respectfully submitted,

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It is certified that an error appears or errors appear in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Column 5, line 17: after "a first half comprising a coupling portion and a" please insert -- substantially ellipsoid shaped --.

Column 5, line 25: after "a second half comprising a coupling portion and a" please insert -- substantially ellipsoid shaped --.

Column 5, line 31: after "advancement into the interspinal space;" please insert -- and --.

Column 5, line 32: please delete "a locking mechanism" and replace with -- a bolt extending at least partially into the coupling portions of the first and second halves --.

Column 5, line 33: please delete "after at least the coupling portion of".

Column 5, line 34: please delete "the first half has been inserted into the interspinal space".

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